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Hello Representatives and Senators,

It is my understanding this committee studies topics related to revenue. I regret I could not make it to your first meeting, but would like to give public comment and request this committee study the Rental Car Sales and Use Tax – hoping to increase it and allocate the funding towards low-income housing vouchers.

Most of you will receive an email from me regarding the low-income housing crisis in Montana. Over 6,000 individuals on low-income housing waitlists and over 1,400 homeless.

Last session I had Rep. Dunwell carry House Bill 309 – housing for disabled in criminal justice system. It went to the taxation committee and was tabled. I'm attaching a spreadsheet showing the cost savings to the State if this bill could be implemented. Approximate cost savings to state would be $6,000,000.

The reason I'm suggesting using the Rental Car Sales and Use Tax, is construction equipment rental stores have to collect this tax when they rent a trailer. The people who rent trailers are contractors, and home owners, and individuals hauling items. Most of these contractors are home builders.

Also for every 1% increase to the rental car sales and use tax, approximately $1,000,000 is generated in tax. Please do not buy into the theory no one would rent a car if the tax was increased. Last week I paid over $49.90 on fees and taxes from a rental car in Mesa AZ. When you need a car, you need a car.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Patti Jacques